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SUBJECT: REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCES OF POLISH MIN. AGRICULTURE

1. RFE HAS INFORMED CONGEN THAT UPI AND REUTER TICKER ITEMS DATED WARSAW SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16 RESPECTIVELY REPORT THAT MIN. AGRICULTURE KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI SAID, INTER ALIA, AT SEPTEMBER 15 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT USSR WOULD NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE POLAND WITH WHEAT THIS YEAR BUT WOULD INSTEAD EXTEND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE POLAND TO MAKE NECESSARY WHEAT PURCHASES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. REUTER ITEM ALSO INDICATES THAT BARCIKOWSKI WAS ASKED WHETHER GOP WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN SUBSIDIES FOR BASIC FOODSTUFFS. HE ALLEGEDLY SAID HE WAS NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED TO REPLY TO THIS QUESTION, AND OFFERED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE STATE HAS PLEDGED TO RETAIN THE FOOD PRICE FREEZE 'TILL THE END OF THE YEAR. WE CAN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING MORE ON SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE HAVEN'T TOLD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TO OUR PEOPLE."

3. CAN WARSAW COMMENT ON ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS AND PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CIRCUMSTANCES

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UNDER WHICH ALLEGED PRESS CONFERENCE HELD?

4. FYI. WE GATHER FROM RFE MANAGEMENT THAT
STORY WILL NOT BE USED, LEAST FOR TIME BEING, UNLESS
MORE RELIABLE REPORTS ARE FORTHCOMING. SENSITIVITY
OF ISSUE OF FOOD SUBSIDIES IS WELL UNDERSTOOD HERE.SPIVACK

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